Abstract: Delete the current Abstract, and replace, in lieu thereof, the following:

Insert --- Photoelectric and inductive sensors are placed along a picking and eviscerating chicken lines. The sensors detect the location of a chicken bird in a shackle and its associated feet, also in a shackle. The sensors communicate this information to a programmable logic card. An inspection button also communicates information to the programmable logic card. Medal flags are attached to a shackle to allow for an easier way for the sensors to determine the locations of the chicken bird and its associated feet. ---

Please see Exhibit A (attached hereto), pursuant to item (ii) of the aforementioned code section, which provides the appropriate markings and underlining of the added section, so as to make Applicant's request clear.

Pursuant to 37 CFR sec. 1.121 (c), Applicant requests as follows:

Claims: *Cancel all claims of record (thus, Cancel Claims 1 – 15)* and substitute, in lieu thereof, claims 16 to 23 as follows:

Claims 1 – 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (new): An apparatus to electronically automate the sorting of chicken feet in the category of edible or inedible, comprising:

a sensing means for tracking the chicken bird in a shackle and chicken feet in a shackle;

a programmable means to track and store information received by said sensing means;

a communication means between said sensing means and said programmable means;

at least one inspector reject button communicating with said programmable means; and